

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

Thus, for the example described above, media 66 of LU2 receives converted commands $\{\frac{1}{2}C_5\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_2\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_2\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_5\}$ from port 1, $\{\frac{2}{2}C_7\}$ from port 2, and $\{\frac{3}{2}C_{11}\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{13}\}$, and $\{\frac{3}{2}C_{14}\}$ from port 3. The order of $\{\frac{1}{2}C_5\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_2\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_2\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_5\}$ received by the media of LU2 corresponds with the command order $\frac{1}{2}C_5, \frac{1}{2}C_2, \frac{1}{2}C_2, \frac{1}{2}C_5$ received by port 1. Similarly, the order of converted commands $\{\frac{3}{2}C_{11}\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{13}\}$, and $\{\frac{3}{2}C_{14}\}$ received by the media of LU2 correspond with commands $\frac{3}{2}C_{11}, \frac{3}{2}C_{13}$, and $\frac{3}{2}C_{14}$ received by port 3. It will be appreciated that while the order of converted commands from a specific port is maintained, the order between ports may change. Thus, some examples of orders of converted commands received by media 66 are:

$\{\frac{1}{2}C_5\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{11}\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_2\}, \{\frac{2}{2}C_7\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{13}\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{14}\};$
 $\{\frac{3}{2}C_{11}\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_5\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_2\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{13}\}, \{\frac{2}{2}C_7\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{14}\};$ and
 $\{\frac{2}{2}C_7\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_5\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{11}\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{13}\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_2\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{14}\}$

$\{\frac{1}{2}C_2\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{11}\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_5\}, \{\frac{2}{2}C_7\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{13}\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{14}\};$
 $\{\frac{3}{2}C_{11}\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_2\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_5\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{13}\}, \{\frac{2}{2}C_7\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{14}\};$ and
 $\{\frac{2}{2}C_7\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_2\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{11}\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{13}\}, \{\frac{1}{2}C_5\}, \{\frac{3}{2}C_{14}\}.$

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

Arrangement 80 comprises a coupling 96 between hosts 1, 2, and 3, and ~~between~~ storage system 94. Coupling 96 typically comprises a bus or a switch, but may comprise substantially any suitable method that is capable of transferring commands such as strings 88, 90, 92 between hosts 1, 2, 3 and storage system 94, including wired and/or wireless coupling methods. In some preferred embodiments of the present invention, coupling 96 is configured within system 94; alternatively, coupling 96 is separate from system 94.